

REMARKS

Applicants are in receipt of a Restriction Requirement mailed by the Examiner on February 5, 2004.

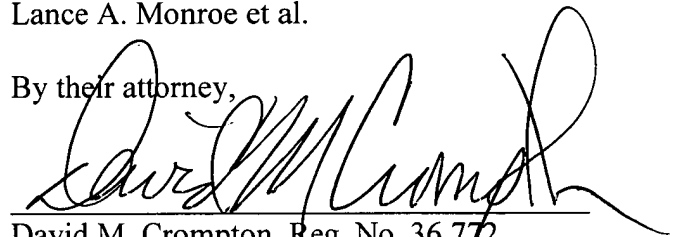
In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has identified ten species which are asserted as patentably distinct based on coupling of the figures filed with this application. In response, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figures 5 and 6, without traverse. Claims 12-13, 19-20, 28-29 and 45 are believed to be read on the elected species. Moreover, Applicants note that at a minimum, independent claims 12, 19 and 45 are generic to each of the species as allegedly shown in Figures 5-6, 7-8, and 9-11. Thus, given the claim amendments presented herein, reconsideration and removal of the election requirement is respectfully requested. Again, the election of the species of Figures 5-6 is made without traverse.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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